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Excise Officers Arrest, Cite 29 in Terre Haute

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (Sept. 28) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested or cited 29 people on 37 charges in Terre Haute this weekend.

Excise officers arrested 17 minors for illegal possession or consumption of alcohol and seven adults for furnishing alcohol to minors. One minor was also jailed for public intoxication.

Shortly after midnight on Saturday, Shaun McMillan, 18, of Hoopeston, Ill., was jailed on preliminary charges of illegal consumption of alcohol and public intoxication after officers saw him having difficulty walking near 4th and Mulberry. McMillan had dirt and debris on his clothes and forehead and was having difficulty standing while speaking with officers, who learned that he had fallen earlier that evening.

John C. Smith, 23, of South Bend, Ind., was jailed on a warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage last night. Officers stopped the car in which he was a passenger after it left a liquor store.

Excise officers also issued twelve tickets for various traffic violations in Terre Haute this weekend.

In West Lafayette, Ind., excise officers cited two people for illegal consumption and issued seven seat belt tickets last night. They also issued two warning tickets for illegal transportation of alcohol and one for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.